

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**CHARLES S. TAYLOR**

**Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned**

**Filed: Herewith**

**For: SURGICAL DEVICES FOR  
IMPOSING A NEGATIVE PRESSURE  
TO STABILIZE CARDIAC TISSUE  
DURING SURGERY**

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) **Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned**  
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) **Examiner: Not Yet Assigned**  
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with regard to the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, after the title, insert -- This is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No.

08/870,687 filed on June 6, 1997, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/603,328 filed on February 20,

OC-38335.1

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